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WOMEN'S ANNUAL BANQUET HELD WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Miss Ellen Dormin, president of the Student's Cooperative Association, acted as toastmistress at the Women's Banquet held last evening in Palmer Hall. The entrance march was played by Miss Eldridge, Viola Bruso, and Esther Rice. Vocal solos were given by Clair Andrews, including "Hi! Mr. Piper—Curran and The Bubble—Friml". Dean Bradt made the presentation of guests. The women's chorus also sang selections, including "The Second Minuet"—Besly and "The Dream Boat" by Lemarc. Mrs. Dorothy Sawyer of Beverly, gave a reading "A Marriage Has Been Arranged" by Sutro. Following the singing of the Alma Mater, all journeyed to the library for dancing. It can well be said, "that a good time was had by all."

MR. ANTHONY ELECTED SECRETARY OF I. A. A.

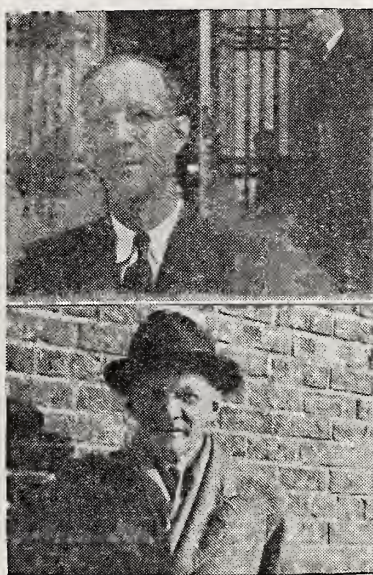
The New England Industrial Arts Association Conference, was attended by members of our industrial arts department, which convened in New Haven on Friday and Saturday, November 4 and 5.

This association can be linked with the Fitchburg Teachers College in that it was organized here at a meeting held in the new practical arts building in November, 1935. The first annual meeting was at Providence, R. I., in 1936.

About 200 members of the association from all six New England States were in attendance at

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EPSILON PI TAU Chapter Organized At Buffalo, N. Y.



Mr. Weston
Mr. Anthony

NEW DEAN OF MEN IS AN F. T. C. ALUMNUS

Mr. Ralph Weston of the faculty has been appointed Dean of the men students in the Elementary, Junior High and Practical Arts Courses.

The responsibilities of the new Dean as outlined by President Herlihy center in:

1. Adjustments in personal problems involving administrative regulations.
2. Students aid.
3. Attainments.

Mr. Weston, our new dean, is an alumnus of Fitchburg Teachers College. He graduated from the Practical Arts division in

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FITCHBURG CHAPTER SENDS DELEGATES TO INSTALLATION

Mitchell, Cutler, Mattyosiatis, Lambert, Baker, and Mr. MacLean Representatives

Last weekend, five members of F. T. C.'s Epsilon Pi Tau attended the installation of the new Tau Chapter of E. P. T. at Buffalo State Teachers College in Buffalo N. Y. to give a demonstration ritual.

The group composed of Mitchell, Cutler, Mattyosiatis, Lambert, Baker, and the sponsor of F. T. C.'s Epsilon Chapter, Mr. C. Blair MacLean were invited to Buffalo by Dr. Warner who was impressed by the performance of the ritual at the initiation of Our Chapter at the Raymond Hotel on Oct. 22, 1938.

MOHAWKS AND GAVS INITIATE NEW MEMBERS

The Mohawks have issued their annual bids and the new members were initiated at the regular meeting Oct. 31, Halloween night. The new members are: Eugene Ciavola of Clinton; Stanley E. English, Worcester; Bertram Bennett, Ansonia, Conn.; Gilbert W. Berry, and Chester F. Smith, Worcester; Edward T. Donnelly, Taunton; and James Sullivan, Maynard.

The Gaveleers have given out their annual bids and the candidates were initiated at the regular meeting last Monday evening. The initiation was conferred

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ABSENCE AT ASSEMBLIES

Last year a great deal was said by the students against compulsory attendance at assemblies. This year the Assembly Committee has reduced the number of assemblies to one a week. Although attendance at this assembly is compulsory, no attendance has been taken. We have been put entirely on our own.

By the great number of vacancies at Tuesday's assembly, and in preceding assemblies, it can be seen that we as a whole have failed to carry out our end of the bargain. By so doing, we are forcing upon ourselves the return if checked attendance at assembly of checked attendance at assembly.

We still have a chance to show the Assembly Committee that we can carry out our end of the bargain by attending assemblies voluntarily.

THE ASH TRAY

Leonard Wheaton

As comment in this column began with the anatomical study of walking gaits, it seems fitting that today's "Ash Tray" would be in the allied field of physiology.

It seems, or perhaps it was a nightmare, that in last summer's physiology class the students handed in some singular answers on their test papers. For a definition of nerves one paper had the statement:

"In the singular, that which made me take this course; in particular those organs that carry messages about within me; and in the plural, that which is making me flunk this course."

Asked for definition of the spine a wit wrote:

"That which I sit on one end, and my head sits on the other."

Another question asked the students to point out the major benefits of deep breathing. One psychic answered:

"You can keep in tune with the infinite through deep breathing,—and can readily tap 'divine afflatus.'"

One of the important questions asked the students to discuss the outstanding problem confronting the American people in the field of eugenics. The instructor having discussed the topic quite fully, naturally expected answers in that field. The majority were, but one paper had the rather vague answer:

"The chief problem facing the American people is 'increasing bald-headedness,—inside and out.'"

If this column is dull, it is because it was written after an attack of insomnia. Insomnia indicates worry which cannot take place if good mental hygiene is

THE STICK STRAW BALLOT

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Paul Dever (D)	89
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Biennial Session:

Yes	126
No	69

Pari-Mutuel Betting:

Yes	93
No	106

TEACHERS TRAINING CONVENTION

The college will send four delegates to the Convention of the New England Teachers Training Association to be held in Boston on November 18 and 19. Dr. Herlihy has been appointed chairman of the student conferences. Approximately one-hundred delegates from the thirty-six professional schools in the six New England states will attend.

TRIAL BY JURY TUESDAY

"Trial By Jury" the operetta which the Glee Club has been working on for the past few months, will be presented at assembly Tuesday, November 15.

preserved. Following the mental hygiene rule, "Never worry in bed," led to the writing of this column, and may lead to more comments on "How to worry successfully even though a college student."

A Past Event Not Forgotten

Herb Downs



Front row: Miss Bel'e M. Nixon, coach; Barbara Baldwin, John Murphy, Mary Ward, and Beverly O'Donnell. Rear row: Thomas Sweeney, Dorothy Sears, Charlotte Hanson, and Herbert Downs.

DRAMATIC CLUB WINS PRAISE FROM LOCAL PAPER

Miss Nixon's unquestionable ability of directing inexperienced actors was clearly shown in the production of "Daisy Mayme." The play was produced with a smoothness that hinted professionalism. John Murphy, with his million dollar laugh, carried the male lead with a performance of confidence. Despite his stage inexperience his interpretation of a middle aged bachelor was thoroughly enjoyed.

The following article taken from the FITCHBURG SENTINEL of November 4, 1938, brings credit to our college:

"Evidence enough of the months

of preparation behind production was the smoothness that characterized the presentation of the fast-moving comedy, "Daisy Mayme," by the Dramatic Club of State Teachers College in the college auditorium last night. The work of the actors—all inexperienced but one—was another tribute to the directional ability of Miss Belle M. Nixon.

"All of the performances were good, but the work of one young man stood out above that of others by nature of its demands. Herbert Downs as Mr. Filoon, the spry and witty nonagenarian, portrayed his difficult character role with all the bearing of a professional. His legs, which he admitted were pretty weak, gave all the appearances of being composed of rubber.

"In general, the production was

superior in every way. If any bouquets should be tossed, they would go to Mr. Downs, Miss Hansen, and Miss Baldwin, as well as to Miss Nixon.

"The staff in charge of production was as follows: Business managers, Herbert Downs and Dorothy Hackett; stage managers, Harry O'Connell and Paul Haire; printing manager, Bert Bennett; advertising managers Helen Gibson and Lois White; and property managers, Madalyn Wolfson and Ursula Mulcahy.

"The production played to a full and appreciative house."

Last Monday the business managers of the production turned over to the Co-operative Student Association treasury \$106.50, indicating that financially the play was also a success.

THE ENJOYMENT OF LAUGHTER

by Max Eastman

Reviewed by Leonard R. Nisula

A book of humor by a psychologist is a thing to wonder about, especially when that pedant can analyze humor with such a whiff and wind of engaging energy that he makes a definite contribution to the field of laugh research.

Mr. Eastman's scholarly analysis tells why we laugh like human beings, presents varieties of humorous experiences ranging from poetic humor to comic action, explains what makes cartoons funny, and runs absolutely wild in a short chapter on the varieties of puns. He tells us what we laugh at too much or not enough, and presents certain "laws of humor." The most frequently misunderstood of these laws is the ninth which states, "Give a good measure of serious satisfaction." In explanation, Mr. Eastman tells of certain individuals whose "talk is more like a mental disease than a social contribution because they ignore the value standards of serious life by cracking little negligible jokes all day long." Their humor might be diagnosed as an attempt to avoid serious responsibility.

The section of the book on prevailing topics of laughter is likely to appeal most to the reader for it has a compilation of jokes made by cartoonists, radio stars, comedians, and others which are labelled as "sure-fire". These jokes should serve as guides to sane humor which is one of the most enchanting means of civilized loafing.

In our belief, Mr. Eastman's radio active theories on humor will not degenerate into raylessness for they are written in the sympathetic spirit of playfulness that ever helps preserve the healthy rhythm of life.

GUIDANCE COMMITTEE HEAD ISSUES STATEMENT

Mr. MacLean has issued the following article to THE STICK, relative to the new Guidance Committee of which he is the head:

We all desire to succeed. To succeed, one must enter a field in which he has the necessary qualities and interests. How do we know whether we have these qualifications? The desire to find the answer in too short and easy a way is no doubt the reason for the failure of so many to find the answer at all. Palmistry, phrenology, astrology, physiognomy, graphology, and numerology have made their appearance and are still with us, but it is only by chance that their contribution to the solution of the guidance problem may ever seem of value.

The selection of a life work, preparation for it, succeeding in it are personal matters but matters in which a student may be helped. The Guidance Department has been set up for the purpose of assisting the student in meeting such problems.

This new agency must not be thought of as a method of telling the student what he should do but rather to provide a friendly contact for the purpose of aiding the individual in making his own decisions. To succeed, the parties concerned must have confidence in each other and a desire to cooperate; without this mutual understanding the venture fails.

The work of the department will at first be confined to the freshman class. This should not be interpreted as a desertion of the upper classes. These classes are encouraged to take an active part in the program and to avail themselves of any service the counselors may be in a position to offer.

Through numerous conferences and the collection of vital material, the counselors hoped to be in a position to give a measure of sound counsel. Information gather-

ered is confidential and will be so treated, remaining in the department files to be seen only by counselors. The use of tests and their interpretation will make a definite contribution to the success of the work.

If the assistance rendered is to be more than just another job for the counselor and another assignment for the student a complete picture of the individual is essential.

Speaking for the counselors and myself, we have accepted the challenge and are willing to match our time with that of the student.

FILCHED FROM THE BAG OF ONE OF OUR TEUFELSDROCKH'S

"Many of us would improve our thinking if we were able to relieve our nervous tension and relax. Walking beneath arching skies, under stately pines, through spaces eloquent in their silence, and by singing rivers, soothes and relaxes troubled minds and contrary emotions. Whether one commune with Nature on a serene May morning or in the turbulence of a February snowstorm, one finds Nature a comrade all sympathetic and all tolerant of one's puny efforts in an unreasonable world.

Peace enters the confused mind when it turns from itself to appreciate the humility of little hills, the assurance of granite rock, and the frivolity of little brooks that one slowly strolls past. Long walks in the great out-of-doors find one gaining quite self-assurance from the mysterious seething and oozing forces of Nature."

One of our cynical bachelor friends explains why he prefers an automobile to a wife. He says a new paint job on an auto wears better and besides you can always trade the old one in on a new model.

INTER-MURAL FOOTBALL

Two well-played touch-football games took place at the upper playground last Thursday. The Freshmen A team trimmed the Junior A 24 to 6. Vinie Howe of the Freshmen team was responsible for three of his team's touchdowns. Dick Finn, also of the Freshmen, made the most spectacular run of the game when he ran 80 yards on the opening kickoff for the first score of the game.

The Freshmen had things their own way throughout the game until the last period when Benny Mason of the Juniors took a long pass and ran over for the only Junior tally of the game.

This Freshmen team shows much promise, and will no doubt give plenty of competition to all other intra-mural teams.

In the second game the Seniors led by "Flashy" O'Sheasy beat the Freshmen C 6 to 0. O'Sheasy ran through the entire Freshmen team in the last period for the only score of the game.

This is the second time that these teams have met, the first game ended in a tie, 6 to 6.

(P. S. the referees were excellent.)

BIT O' WIT

When Maddy Godek crashed into Mary Disken she thought she'd been hit by a Mack truck.

After having her chin caressed by a fast moving hockey stick, Punkie O'Connor swore she had two faces.

As Gerry Lyons limped off the field she whispered, "Tell them I was captain."

Miss Stafford thought the stop watch had stopped.

Unable to score with hockey methods Toots Hughes transferred to baseball technique and tried to slide across the goal with the ball.

KEENE PLAY DAY

Pronouncing Keene's play day a complete success, a bus load of singing girls, picked by Miss Bolger and the W. A. A. board returned to F. T. C. last Saturday night about 6 o'clock.

Tennis, badminton, archery, bowling, swimming, and hockey were the featured sports of the day. Keene and Fitchburg girls were mixed to make the Red and White Teams and each girl took part in at least two sports. Points for all sports were added and at the end of the day when scores were added the result was White 175—Red 172.

After lunch in the dining hall, the teams paraded and snake-danced, cheered and sang accompanied by the fellows band.

In the beautiful Spaulding Gym the girls bowled, swam, and played badminton.

As the girls left at 4:30 they cheered Keene for the royal reception they had received.

Girls who went were: Clifford, Dormin, Scully, White, Day, Coombs, Johnson, Diskin, Burke, Leighton, Meskinis, Winturri, O'Connor, Connelly, Mulcahy, Waris, Szocik, Whitcomb, McCarty, Hughes, Hazel, Howe, Lally, Sheehan, Neudorf, O'Donnell, and Ryan.

GIRLS' SOCCER

Ellen Dormin, coach of soccer called the first soccer practice Tuesday, Nov. 8. Girls from the four classes were present and plans were started for a successful soccer season.

ASSEMBLY NOTES

Mr. Frank Silvera of Boston presented a very enjoyable series of dramatic readings at assembly Tuesday, November 8. Mr. Gilbert Whitney of the Assembly Committee made it possible for us to hear Mr. Silvera.

DARTMOUTH DEFEATS F. T. C.

Tuesday, our Soccer team journeyed to Hanover, N. H., where they went down to defeat before a strong Dartmouth eleven.

The first half was close, as Fitchburg played hard and put up a strong defense, however in the last half after goalie, Guilfoil had been injured Dartmouth seemed to score almost at will.

The weakness of our half-back line was shown again and again and the full-backs who were pulled out of position to aid them in taking the ball down the field were helpless to keep Dartmouth from scoring.

SENIORS 6 JUNIORS 0

A lone score in the first few minutes of play by O'Sheasy defeated the Junior P. A. for their 2nd Intra-Mural defeat in two years.

After this first score the Seniors and Juniors tried in vain to cash in on scoring opportunities, but found each others' defense always impenetrable.

O'Sheasy was outstanding for the Seniors, while O'Connell caught the only completed touchdown pass for the Juniors but it was called back, as the ball was dropped before being passed.

HOCKEY GAMES

Coach Hughes has announced that the hockey games between the White and Orange teams will take place next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Nisula: "I think I'll call you 'wigwam.'"

Tommy Passios: "How's that?"

Nisula: "Aren't your initials T. P.?"

Joe Lalli admits he can answer any and all questions. However this is strictly an extra-curricula activity.

HELP WANTED—Three men to act as Salesmen. See the Editor.

Campus Chatter

Mr. Sullivan says that anyone with a scientific back-ground—should not have been scared by recent H. G. Wells radio drama.

As a single individual, I might tell Herb that all my relatives can fill the auditorium, but not aesthetically.

We believe that our Master students can provide us with rather good chatter humor from Dr. Percival's classes. Give!

Miss McCarthy: How do you spell "principal" of a school?
Dot Sears: P-A-L.

Is Steve Leszuk in the Dramatic Club? If not, he should be.

Shuffle off to Buffalo

Left F. T. C. at 5:00 A. M. Arrived at Hotel STATLER, at 5:30. The old Plymouth got pretty warm on the road, it just (Hadd) to.

At the Buffalo theatre saw Chick Webb's band—Ella Fitzgerald sure had Mitch buffaloed when she sang "I'm Saving My Love For You." Maybe John wishes he saved some for Ella.

As seen on the road:
Before I tried it—
The kisses I missed—
But afterward—Oh, Boy!
The misses I kissed.
Burma Shave!
Almost as good as Shakespeare.
Huh.

No word from Mr. MacLean till four o'clock Saturday afternoon. We are sincerely sorry we did not take better care of him.

After banquet—painted town pink by walking streets. Mr. MacLean told Henry a bedtime story and put him to bed so we could go out. The little lad was quite tired from talking to the wives of the guests.

Jim recited poetry till 2:00 A. M. His talent was well appreciated. Ask Matty. He also had sound effects.

We understand one little freshman has or *hadd* received 16 postcards.

Sunday morning—NIAGARA FALLS*—Cutler and Mitchell said they *must* come again. Probably Hank will go first.

Left the Falls at 11:00 A. M. Arrived at F. T. C. at 2:00 A. M. Cutlers ability to fix flats was appreciated but not so with his puns. They had too much farm atmosphere—Groton.

Who got us stuck in a lumber yard, Matty or Cutler? Ask Henry? —but perhaps you had better ask Matty, Henry never knew the score after 9:00 o'clock.

Well we had a good time and are looking forward to another at Buffalo or thereabouts.

MR. ANTHONY

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the conference. The program included a round table discussion, a banquet, meeting, exhibitions, and visits to schools and art centers of New Haven.

Mr. Anthony, who attended the convention was elected as secretary of the association, an office that he has held since the association was organized in 1935, in Fitchburg.

NEW DEAN OF MEN

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1923 and during his stay here, he was active in sports, and, among Berkshire Club, a forerunner of things, was a member of the old the present Mohawk Club.

Previous to this time he had been graduated from Adams High, and after receiving his B. A. from the University of New Hampshire in 1925 and his M. A. in 1929. At the university he majored in Education and Mathematics. He took advanced courses in Math. at Harvard during the summers of 1930 and 1931.

Mr. Weston, while here, took one training period under Mr. Anthony in our Junior High School, and another period, of sixteen weeks, at the Chestnut Street Junior High School in Springfield. Besides continuation school experience, our new dean has worked in private schools. At the Tilton School, he taught History and science and coached football, basketball, and track, and throughout his career he has been active in officiating. With this experience he is certain to meet success in his new position and may certainly count on the support of the student body.

NEW MEMBERS

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red on John Murphy of Brighton; Lester Aldrich, Winchendon; Benjamin B. Mason, Fitchburg; Leo Gittzus, Fitchburg; Burleigh Lovett, Portland, Maine; Stuart Clemmer, Bellerica; George T. Joseph, Worcester; and Blair MacLean, Jr., Lunenburg.

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